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The Company Journal **and "The Feederline"**

Fire Department News
Cambridge, Massachusetts
A Class 1 Fire Department

From the desk of
Chief Gerald R. Reardon

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What's New

Ladder 1's new apparatus has been delivered and will go in service following final outfitting by the Tech Services and training by all four groups. Built in Appleton, Wisconsin, Ladder 1 is a 2009 Pierce Arrow XT, 105' stick.



- photos above by **Tara Bithia**

Who's New

Welcome aboard to **Daniel Lopez**. Daniel Lopez is assigned to Tech Services as Fire Apparatus Repair Person. He brings a wide range of knowledge and skills on heavy equipment, hydraulics, body work, as well as diesel engine repair and maintenance. Mr. Lopez's call sign will be **M-4**. Daniel Lopez is the son of Steve Lopez.

Class 1 Fire Department

The Cambridge Fire Department has again been recognized as a **Class 1 Fire Department**. Congratulations to the all members of the Department for their diligent efforts. A copy of the Special Notice is shown below.

SPECIAL NOTICE NO. 03, SERIES OF 2009

August 14, 2009

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Class 1 Fire Department**

Over the past few months, representatives from the ISO (Insurance Services Office) have completed an in-depth analysis of fire protection in the City of Cambridge. This analysis of Cambridge's fire protection

delivery system included the Fire Alarm and Communication System, the Water Supply System, as well as the Fire Department.

The City of Cambridge has again been classified as Class 1. While over 44,000 cities and towns across the country evaluated by ISO, only 57 have been classified as Class 1. The City of Cambridge is the only Class 1 rated Fire Department in Massachusetts.

We would like to extend thanks to all the men and women of the Cambridge Fire Department for their continued excellence and professionalism. This excellence and professionalism is demonstrated on a daily basis.

Thanks also to our brothers and sisters in the Cambridge Water Department and in the Cambridge Emergency Communications Department for their assistance and professionalism.

Special thanks to Fire Captain Stephen Persson, who worked closely with the ISO representatives during this analysis.

The members of the **Nationally Rated Class 1 Cambridge Fire Department** can be proud of their accomplishment, again.



Freedom Award

The Cambridge Fire Department received the prestigious 2009 Freedom Award for their outstanding support of members of the National Guard and Reserve. The award was presented at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Building in Washington, D.C. on September 17, 2009. The keynote speaker was Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice-President Joe Biden. Over 3200 employers were nominated for the award this year. 15 employers received the award at the ceremony.

The department was nominated by Lt. Patrick Haggerty of Ladder Co. 3. He is a Master Sgt. in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. He's been in the guard for 19 years and a member of the Cambridge Fire Department for 16 years. **Chief Gerry Reardon** and **DFC Gerry Mahoney** accepted the award on behalf of the Cambridge Fire Department and the City of Cambridge.



Chief Reardon accepts the Freedom Award from **Assistant Secretary of Defense Dennis M. McCarthy** at ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

Go to the biography of Assistant Secretary of Defense and Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, USMC at the following link: <http://www.defenselink.mil/bios/biographydetail.aspx?biographyid=213>



DFC Gerry Mahoney, FLt. Pat Haggerty, and Chief Engineer Gerry Reardon

All Companies Working

Box 45-474, the Working Fire was ordered for the fire at 16 thru 18 Eliot Street on 11 August 2009. The fire in the Tanjore Restaurant was confined to the wall and ceiling area on floors 1 and 2. Four engines, 3 trucks, 2 squads, the rescue, and 2 division chiefs operated. The box was transmitted at 1032 hours and the signal "45" was transmitted at 1047. The "all-out" was sent at 1328 hours. Group 2 was on duty. **DFC Paul Sheehan** was the IC.



Smoke showing on arrival – Ladder 3 and Ladder 4 (using spare Ladder 5)





Operations on the "Delta" side of the fire building.



Engine 9 pump operator **FF Steve Ryan**



Squad 4 shuts down the utilities



FCapt. Persson sets up the accountability board.



RIT sector staffed by Engine 1
Engine 1, normally first-due, was assigned 4th-due on the box because of previous activity.



Truck 4: **FLt. Brad Tenney** and **FF Eric Nugent**



Tactical Aide FF Ed Oliver and **Division 2 Chief Paul Sheehan** discuss tactics and deployment of resources.

Faces of the Fire Service



FF John Gallagher (Truck 4)



FF John Bell (Rescue 1)



Division 1 Tactical Aide FF Howie Conrad



ADFC Mark Cunningham (Division 1), and **DFC Paul Sheehan** (Division 2)



FCapt. Peter Donovan (Truck 3)



Engine 6: FLt. Michael Clinton, FF George Cotter, and FF Frank Mullen



FF Stanley Fabianski, (Truck 4), **FF Bob Bruno** (Engine 8), and **FF Joe Nunley** (Engine 8)



FLt. Galvin Murphy (Engine 9)



FF Kyle Hood (Truck 1)



FF Eric Nugent (Truck 4)



Truck 1: FF Michael Lynch, FLt. Bill Wood, and FF Kyle Hood



Rescue 1 (running Spare Rescue 2) **FF Pedro Gonzalez, FF John Bell, FF David Puopolo, and FF David Croak**



FLt. Brad Tenney (Truck 4) and FF Sam Coleman (Truck 3) – “Semper Fi”

*- photos above by **FLt. David Walles** (Training)*

Out and About



United States Navy EOD Lieutenant Paul Mahoney, Jr. is shown serving in Afghanistan. Paul has been in Afghanistan for about six weeks and has been deployed to about 35 disposal missions. Paul is the son of **FLt. Paul Mahoney**, (Truck 3, group 4). He is also the nephew of **DFC Gerry Mahoney** (EPAC).

Never Forget

September 11th Remembrance: This year, as every year, Fire Department uniformed and civilian members remembered those killed in the attacks on 9/11/2001 with a short ceremony at every fire house in the city. Veterans Services officials, Bob Stevens and Steve Vesce, as well as visitor Ginny McVarish also joined us by participating in the ceremony at Fire Headquarters. As happens seemingly every year, the ceremony was interrupted by a run.





Engine 1: **FCapt. Brian Gover**, **FF Brian Peebles** (Rescue 1 detailed to Engine 1), and **FF Michael Franks**



Truck 1: **FF Kenneth Albert**, **FLt. Chris Melendy**, and **FF Aaron Young**



Rescue 1 (running Spare Rescue 2): **FLt. Jim Drewicz**, **FF Ken Souza**, **FF Adam Shuman**, and **FF Steve Kelley**

- photos above by **FLt. David Walles** (Training)

MDA

Emma Russell recently visited Fire Headquarters. Emma, from Milton, is the MDA Goodwill Ambassador for Massachusetts. She and her parents, **Chris and Anita**, recently visited headquarters. Thanks to our members who participated in the "Fill-the-Boot" campaign, which raised \$3500 for the fight against Muscular Dystrophy. October events are planned for the Head of the Charles Regatta and for the Galleria Mall area.



FF Al Coipel, FF Howie Smith, FLt. David House, FF Nicole Zedalis, FF Kevin Mercer, Local 30 President Jack Shinkwin, FF Mike Dwyer, FCapt. Sean White, and FF Ken Cunningham welcome Emma to the kitchen on the 3rd floor of headquarters.



FLt. David House (Engine 1) and **Emma**

- photos above by Erin McNamee.

Retirements

Per General Order No. 21 of 2009, effective 9 September 2009, at 0700 Hours, **Fire Lieutenant Thomas C. Reagan** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Fire Lieutenant Reagan was appointed on August 7, 1977. His assignments were as follows:

- October 2, 1977 Engine Company No. 3
- January 2, 1983 Aerial Tower No. 1
- May 18, 1986 Engine Company No. 4
- July 31, 1988 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant, Headquarters
- February 26, 1989 Engine Company No. 1
- January 16, 2000 Engine Company No. 4

Per General Order No. 25 of 2009, effective 30 September 2009 at 1700 Hours **Fire Captain Joseph L. Dynan Jr.** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain Joseph Dynan was appointed on January 16, 1977.

- March 13, 1977 Engine Company No. 7
- November 16, 1980 Engine Company No. 1
- October 12, 1986 Acting Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 8
- November 30, 1986 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant
- May 13, 1990 Engine Company No. 4

- July 1, 1993 Pivot Officer, Group 1
 - January 1, 1995 Engine Company No. 2
 - October 2, 2005 Detailed to Engine Company No. 3, Acting Fire Captain
 - October 30, 2005 Promoted to Fire Captain, Engine Company No. 3
 - November 2, 2008 Headquarters
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Per General Order No. 26 of 2009, effective 30 September 2009 at 1700 Hours **Firefighter Robert DeFrancisco** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Robert DeFrancisco was appointed on May 27, 1973.

- June 24, 1973 Engine Company No. 3
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Per General Order No. 27 of 2009, effective 30 September 2009 at 1700 Hours, **Fire Lieutenant Daniel L. Flaherty** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant Daniel Flaherty was appointed on September 21, 1980.

- November 16, 1980 Ladder Company No. 3
 - May 18, 1986 Engine Company No. 9
 - August 9, 1987 Engine Company No. 2
 - March 31, 1991 Engine Company No. 7
 - June 27, 1993 Engine Company No. 9
 - September 15, 1996 Engine Company No. 8
 - September 3, 2005 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant temporarily assigned to Pivot Officer
 - October 2, 2005 Squad No. 4
 - November 6, 2005 Engine Company No. 4
 - September 28, 2008 Engine Company No. 9
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Per General Order No. 28 of 2009, effective 30 September 2009 at 1700 Hours **Firefighter Joseph C. Johnson** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Joseph Johnson was appointed on February 17, 1974 and assigned to Engine Company No. 9.

- January 12, 1975 Ladder Company No. 2
 - April 27, 1980 Aerial Tower No. 1
 - January 2, 1983 Engine Company No. 3
 - May 17, 1987 Ladder Company No. 2
 - May 3, 2009 Headquarters
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Per General Order No. 29 of 2009, effective 30 September 2009 at 1700 Hours **Firefighter Kevin McGonigal** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Kevin McGonigal was appointed on September 21, 1980.

- November 16, 1980 Engine Company No. 6
- January 2, 1983 Engine Company No. 5
- April 17, 1983 Rescue Company No. 1

- April 15, 2007 Engine Company No. 9
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Per General Order No.30 of 2009, effective 30 September 2009 at 1700 Hours **Fire Captain Sandy Francis, Jr.** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain Sandy Francis was appointed on May 7, 1978.

- July 2, 1978 Engine Company No. 4
 - April 15, 1979 Engine Company No. 5
 - January 2, 1983 Engine Company No. 6
 - May 13, 1990 Engine Company No. 8
 - January 20, 1991 Emergency Management
 - March 31, 1991 Engine Company No. 3
 - April 30, 1995 Engine Company No. 1
 - December 31, 1995 Engine Company No. 3
 - July 7, 2002 Acting Captain Engine Company No. 1
 - September 22, 2002 Promoted to Captain/Fire Prevention
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Per General Order No.31 of 2009, effective 30 September 2009 at 1700 Hours, **Firefighter Stanley C. Fabianski** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Stanley Fabianski was appointed on January 3, 1971 and assigned to Ladder Company No. 1.

- May 5, 1985 Ladder Company No. 4
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Transfers and Assignments

Per General Order No. 22, effective Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 0700 hours:

Deputy Fire Chief Robert J. Scott	from Division 2 to Headquarters
Deputy Fire Chief Stephen G. Leonard	from Division 1 to Division 2, Group 3
Fire Captain Edward B. Morrissey Fire Chief, Division 1, Group 1	from Ladder Company No. 1 to Acting Deputy
Fire Captain Sean P. White No. 1	from Engine Company No. 8 to Ladder Company
Fire Lieutenant Frederick B. Ikels Captain, Engine Company No. 8	from Engine Company No. 5 to Acting Fire
Firefighter Raymond E. Vaillancourt Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 4	from Engine Company No. 4 to Acting Fire
Firefighter Kenneth J. Albert Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 5	from Ladder Company No. 1 to Acting Fire

Transfer

Per G.O. 18, series of 2009, effective Sunday, August 2, 2009 at 0700 hours:

Firefighter Mark E. Davis from Engine Company No. 1 to Engine Company No. 3

Through the Lantern Lens



Through the Lantern Lens
Humphrey

by Mose

Every firefighter freezes at the sound of the bell or drop of a tone. Many fire departments have distinct box alarms that have given them major fires throughout the years. The cities of Chicago, Boston, Buffalo, and even Washington D.C. all have fire alarm boxes mounted near significant locations. For example, if the Washington D.C. Fire Department receives Box 157, they know exactly where 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is....the White House.

However, the Buffalo Fire Department in New York had the most notorious fire alarm box in history – Box 29. This box located on the corner of Wells Street and Seneca Street was placed in service sometime prior to 1878. Since 1878, Box 29 has been struck for more than nine multiple alarm fires and Buffalo firefighters have expected disaster whenever Box 29 was received.

For almost a century Box 29 was struck for fires that caused millions of dollars worth of damage, the deaths of FIVE firefighters, and resulted in many more injured. The box was so cursed, that if it was sounded during the winter months, firefighters from outlying stations would hitch up the horses and simply wait for more alarms to be sounded, for it was only a matter of time before a second or third alarm was received from Box 29.

Joseph Masterson was a volunteer firefighter with Engine 9 when one of those firefighters was killed and thirty more were injured at one major fire in 1909. He would later become Fire Commissioner for the City of Buffalo and even then, still tensed every

time the “Hoodoo Box 29” came in. Taken out of service in 1965, it ended what many felt was a 100 year old jinx on Box 29.



From the Archives

Taylor Square memories -



The old and the new: Ladder 4's newly delivered 1980 Pirsch, 100' tractor-trailer tiller truck is shown next to a Pirsch open-cab, which Ladder 4 was running at the time. This Pirsch truck was in service from October, 1980 until December, 1992.



Members are shown training on the “new” truck in 1980.



FF Bill Morrison (Ladder 4- deceased), **FF Joe Thorp** (Ladder 4 – retired), **DFC Bill Rose** (deceased), **FF George Gibson** (Engine 9 – retired), **FF Tom Kotowski** (now Engine 6 Lieutenant), and **FF John Lund** (Engine 8 – retired as Lt.) are show training with Ladder 4’s 1980 Pirsch tiller truck.



In the old kitchen of Engine 8, Ladder 4, and Division 2 -
 Standing: **F.Lt. Fran Lawson** (Engine 8 – deceased), **FF Bob Ferreira** (Engine 4 – deceased), **DFC Ernie DeAngelis** (Division 1 retired), **FF Joe Thorp** (Ladder 4 – retired), **FF Jesse Andrews** (Engine 9 –

retired), **FF Tom Kotowski** (now Engine 6 Lieutenant), **FF Bob Bell** (now Engine 4 Lieutenant), **FF John Lund** (Engine 8 - retired as Lieutenant), **FF Nick Iannaci** (Engine 9 – deceased), **FCapt. Frank Hayes** (Engine 9 – retired).
Seated: **FF Bill Lavin** (Division 1 Tactical Aide – retired), **FF Bill Morrison** (Ladder 4 – deceased), and **FF Bob O’Leary** (Ladder 4 – retired).

- photos above by **FF Walter Grace** (Division 1, retired)

Box 2-72: Saint John the Evangelist Church fire 8 December 1956. This was one of two church fires in the same night.



- photo from the collection of **F.Capt. Mark Roche** (Newton FD)

Photo from Fowler's Files



Aerial Tower 1 (Ladder Company 1) 1986 – group 1

FF Kevin Coleman (retired), **FCapt. John Gelinas** (now Chief of Operations), **FF Howie Conrad** (now Tactical Aide FF Division 1), **FF Tom Levins** (retired), and **FF Tom Carroll** (now FLt. Ladder 4)
The apparatus was the 1971 Sutphen, 85' tower-ladder, which was in service from 1972 thru 1986.

- Photo by Inspector **Ed Fowler** (FIU)

Special Signal 10-15

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Firefighter Julio T. Volpe** of Engine Company No. 3 – retired. Firefighter Volpe was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 24 June 1962. His assignments were as follows:

24 June 1962	Engine Company No. 3
5 Dec 1976	Engine Company No. 8
16 Nov 1980	Engine Company No. 3

Firefighter Volpe retired on 23 February 1992. He died on 28 July 2009. He was born on 20 January 1935.

Firefighter Volpe was a veteran of the United States Navy.

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the Line of Duty death of **Firefighter Michael A. Edwards** of Engine Company No. 8. Firefighter Edwards was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 6 March 1983. His assignments were as follows:

6 March 1983	Recruit Training
17 April 1983	Engine Company No. 1
18 May 1986	Engine Company No. 6
26 Feb 1989	Engine Company No. 8
5 Jan 1992	Ladder Company No. 4
26 April 1992	Engine Company No. 6
27 June 1993	Engine Company No. 8

Firefighter Edwards was an active member of Engine Company No. 8 until his death on 7 September 2009. He was born on 10 April 1951.



Firefighter Michael Edwards

- photo taken in 2004 by **Walter Grace**



Condolences to:

FF Dennis Shine (Engine 2) on the death of his mother-in-law, **Mrs. Marie E. Facey**
FF Brian Collymore (Engine 3) on the death of his grandmother, **Waple Greenidge**. Mrs. Greenidge was 106 years old.
FF Aaron Young (Truck 1) on the death of his father, **Mr. Don Young**
FF David Puopolo (Rescue 1) on the death of his father, **Mr. David J. Puopolo**

Peter Mickiewicz (Engine 2) on the death of his mother-in-law, **Mrs. Patricia E. (Sugrue) LeBlanc**

Technical Rescue Training

Cambridge members again worked with Boston FD members in the ongoing Technical Rescue skills program. In the current Trench Rescue segment, all work groups participated in three full training days at the training site on Long Island. The photos below were taken on 29 July 2009.



FF Brian Peebles (Rescue 1) sets up the shoring in the trench.



FF Brian Peebles (Rescue 1) works in the trench



FF Nicole Zedalis (Rescue 1) runs the air controller for the shoring while members lower additional shoring and sheeting.



Boston FD members: FCapt. Martin Andrews (SOC), **FCapt. Rick Connelly** (Engine 10), and **FLt. Sandy Lassa** (Rescue 1)



Team effort by members of Boston Engine 10, Boston Rescue 1, and Cambridge Rescue 1





FLt. Michael Donovan (Squad 4), **FF Albert Coipel** (Rescue 1), **FF Brian Peebles** (Rescue 1), **FF David Puopolo** (Rescue 1), **FF Nicole Zedalis** (Rescue 1), **FCapt. Edward Morrissey** (Ladder 1), **FLt. Matthew Brannelly** (Rescue 1), and **FF Gary Gannon** (Rescue 1)

- *photos above by Tara Bithia*

Tip of the Helmet

GENERAL ORDER NO. 24, SERIES OF 2009

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: Commendation for actions at Still Alarm, Incident #9002814 for IFO 185 Alewife Brook Parkway, on Sunday, 12 September 2009

On the recommendation of Deputy Fire Chief Paul Sheehan, Tactical Aide Edward P. Oliver of Division 2 is commended.

At 0907 hours on Sunday September 12, Engine 8, Rescue 1, and Squad 2 were dispatched to 185 Alewife Brook Parkway for a report of a car in a sinkhole with a woman injured. Division 2 was just clearing the scene of a motor vehicle accident at Fresh Pond Parkway and notified Emergency Communication Center that they would be responding to the above incident. As Division 2 was so close by, they arrived prior to the rest of the assignment.

Upon investigation, it was determined that the driver had inadvertently driven her Mini Cooper into a drainage ditch which was full of water and was hidden because heavy rain had caused the entire parking lot to flood. The woman had made her way to the passenger seat and she stated that the water was rising quickly inside her vehicle. Tactical Aide Edward Oliver immediately realized the gravity of the situation. He pulled an 8' landscape stake from a nearby planting bed and entered the drainage ditch. Using the stake to test the stability of the ditch as he waded in up to his chest, Firefighter Oliver was able to extricate the victim from the vehicle and with the help of arriving company members, safely remove her from the ditch.

Firefighter Oliver is hereby commended for his selfless act of bravery and skill in rescuing this 90 year old woman, and for doing so in a decisive, but safe and efficient manner, without protection of water rescue equipment.

Tactical Aide Firefighter Edward P. Oliver operated in the highest tradition of the Cambridge Fire Department.

Per Order,

Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department



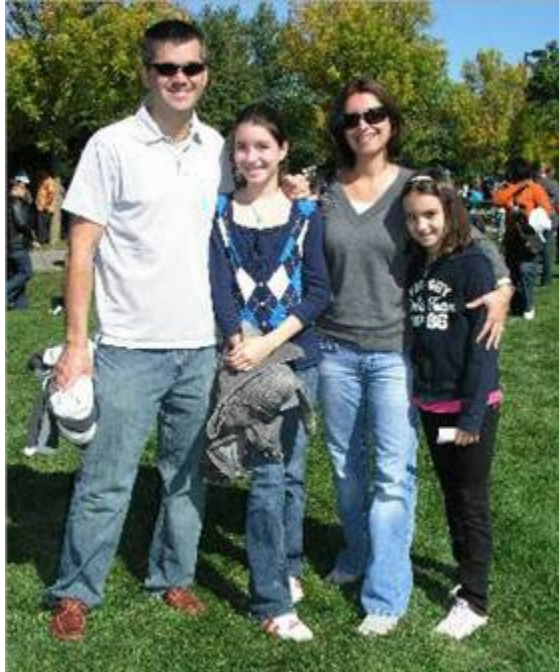
- WHDH-TV Channel 7 picture

Danehy Park Day

This year's Danehy Park Day was on Saturday, 26 September 2009. As expected, the Fire Department was a big attraction on this beautiful, sunny, Saturday afternoon. Engines 8 and 3, Trucks 3 and 4, Squads 2 and 4 participated in showing the Fire Department's capabilities and procedures. Companies also set up an MDU, simulating mass decon procedures and distributed emergency Go Kits.



FLt. Steve Boyle(Squad 2) demonstrated Tactical Squad capabilities.



FLt. Jeremy Walsh, Stephanie, Michele and Taylor



DFC Bob Rossi demonstrates MDU (Mass Decon Unit) operations



Tactical Aide Craig Yearwood, Chief Gerry Reardon, and DFC John Cotter (Division 2)



Engine 8: FF Bryan Chatelle, FLt. Jeff Howard, and FF John Pasquarello



FF Craig Yearwood (Division 2), **FLt. Pat Haggerty** (Truck 3), **FF Steve Milliken** (Truck 3), **FF Paul Finnegan** (Truck 3), and **DFC John Cotter** (Division 2)



FF John Gallagher (Truck 4) and **FCapt. Fred Ikels** (Engine 8)



FF Phil Dooley (Truck 4) and **FF Joyce Bowden** (Engine 3)



FF Bryan Chatelle shows off the Engine Company apparatus



ECC Dispatchers **Gail Williams** and **Brian Mickle**





Engine Company tools and equipment



Professional Ambulance PM4 and Squad 2 demonstrate teamwork and capabilities.



Truck 4: **FLt. Tom Carroll** and **FF Larry Pacios**

- photos above by **Linda Turner (IT)**

Letters



Department of the Army
U.S. Army Natick Soldier Systems Center
10 Kansas Street
Natick, Massachusetts 01760-5000

July 24, 2009

Chief Gerald R. Reardon
Cambridge Fire Department
Fire Headquarters
491 Broadway
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Chief Reardon:

Congratulations on receiving the Department of Defense 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The support you have provided to those in the City of Cambridge Fire Department who serve in the National Guard and Reserve has been exemplary.

We, at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Systems Center, are truly proud of you and deeply grateful for your commitment to the Cambridge firefighters serving in the U.S. Army

Best wishes for your continued success – HOOHAH!

Sincerely,

Peter N. Fuller
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Commanding General, Natick Soldier Systems
Center and Program Executive Officer Soldier

Deputy Chief John Gelinas
CFD Officers and Firefighters

We would like to thank you for your overwhelming show of respect and support to our family on the passing of D.J.'s Dad.

With your schedules as they are, we realize the effort put forth to extend your condolences to our family at this sad time.

Your visits were comforting and appreciated.

Annemarie, DJ, and Ashley Puopolo

David F. Noonan
Haskell Street
Cambridge, MA 02140-1915
September 9, 2009

Gerald Reardon
Fire Chief
Cambridge Fire Department

Dear Chief Reardon:

Just a brief word to thank you and the members of the Cambridge Fire Department for your prompt, successful life-saving work on me on this past Sunday, the sixth of September, both at home and in transporting me to Mt. Auburn Hospital.

The manner in which those who live with me were treated by your personnel was phenomenal. Please convey my respect and thanks to one and all.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

David Noonan
David Noonan

Editor's note: Engine 4, Squad 4, and Professional Ambulance Paramedic 4 were assigned to this incident #9002615 at 1458 hours on 6 Sep 2009. Members on duty were:
*Engine 4: **FLt. Robert Bell, FF Edmund Friel, and FF Raymond Vaillancourt;***
*Squad 4: **FLt. Michael Travers and FF Hugh Devlin;** and*
*Professional Ambulance PM4: **Paramedic Georgette Cummings and EMT Robert Johnson.***

ARCHSTONE
CAMBRIDGE PARK

9/11/09

ON this day of National mourning when we take time to reflect on the tragedy of September 11th, we want to take a moment to thank your department with great admiration. You are all dally heroes in our eyes and we respect all that you do for the community.

With our deepest heartfelt thanks and wishes for camaraderie and safety,

Archstone Cambridge Park
30 Cambridge Park Drive
Cambridge, MA
United States of America

Editor's note: This letter was signed by numerous people, staff and residents, from this address.



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS

September 10, 1009

Gerald Reardon
Fire Chief
Cambridge Fire Department
491 Broadway
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Chief Reardon:

Fire Fighter Michael A. Edwards, who died in the line-of-duty on September 7, 2009, was a member of the Cambridge Fire Department in your community. He sacrificed his life in an act of courage, humanitarianism, and selfless devotion to duty. We want you to know that the loss suffered by your membership and the community is shared by the 293,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters. We join you in conveying our sincere condolences to the family of Fire Fighter Edwards.

Sincerely,

Harold A. Schaitberger

General President

UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 15, 2009

Chief Engineer Gerald R. Reardon
Cambridge Fire Department
491 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Chief Reardon,

Please pass along to all the members of Department a big congratulations from me on the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award! It's terrific and well-deserved recognition of your commitment to National Guard and Reserve fire fighters. One of the biggest challenges facing our Guard and Reservists is the uncertainty about their future when they return from service. Your support goes a long way to lightening the burden of these brave men and women as they defend our country.

It speaks volumes that Master Sergeant Haggerty nominated your Department for the assistance you offered him and the other Guard and Reserve fire fighters. Congratulations again – and thank you for all you do to keep Massachusetts safe.

Sincerely,

John Kerry

Illuminations

Illumination Project for the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Building

Public art project by Krzysztof Wodiczko
Commissioned by the Cambridge Arts Council's Public Art Program
June 2009

Artist Krzysztof Wodiczko has created a work of public art for the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility that illuminates the façade of the building with a dynamic lighting system. Using LED lamps and making new use of the twelve existing light fixtures on the front of the building, the artist selected different colors of light and display patterns in order to symbolize and express the continuing responsiveness of the Cambridge Police Department and the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) to the life of Cambridge citizens.

It is the City's responsibility to be alert at all times to emergency calls and to provide continuing activities that ensure the safety of the City. The "real time" responsiveness of Wodiczko's Illumination Project expresses the Public Safety Facility's synchronicity with the pulse of the City, with its disruptive moments of emergencies, and with its peaceful protected pace of life.

The light fixtures on the front of the building facing Sixth Street are the focus of Wodiczko's responsive illumination system. The twenty-four fixtures on the two sides of the building facing Bent and Rogers Streets are illuminated by steady blue light.

The basic visual effect of the responsive illumination system is a continuing, softly pulsing blue color. This default position of the system symbolizes the constant attention of the Cambridge Police Department and Emergency Communications Center to its civic mission of public safety. In addition to responding to emergency calls, the Police Department engages in self-generated activities such as patrolling, community events, neighborhood walks, and public assistance.

At any time, the breathing blue light of the building may be interrupted by flashes of colored light at two speeds, activated by the ECC response to all "911" emergency calls from the dispatch room. These flashing rhythms are coded by color and speed according to type of emergency and higher or lower levels of priority:

Blue light flashing = Police response
Red light flashing = Fire response
Green light flashing = Medical response

Slower frequency of flashes = lower priority emergencies
Faster frequency of flashes = higher priority emergencies

Multiple responses from different departments may be displayed consecutively. The period of each type of display is measured in seconds, and after a period of flashing the system will revert to the “breathing” light blue light.

Krzysztof Wodiczko's illumination system is active twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, appropriately indicating the vital and ready responsiveness of the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility around the clock without interruption.

Lighting equipment, programming, and installation has been provided by Barbizon Lighting Company in collaboration with the artist and the Emergency Communications Center.

Book Reviews – Recommended Reading

In ***Returning to Quarters, a History of Boston Firehouses***, **Richard Connelly**, the Captain of Boston Engine Company No. 10, has written a comprehensive and well-documented history of every fire house in the City of Boston, past and present. Illustrations of nearly every firehouse are included. Captain Connelly has meticulously gathered and verified the historical data and photographs. His book, published in 2009 by Trafford Publishing, is recommended as a worthwhile addition to the library of any fire historian.

Cambridge Police Superintendent David Degou (recently retired) has written a book, ***Images of America – Cambridge Police Department***. Degou chronicles the history of the Cambridge Police Department and its men and women. The book contains numerous photographs and is an excellent addition to the public safety history of the City of Cambridge. *Images of America – Cambridge Police Department* was published in 2009 by Arcadia Publishing Company.

America's Heroes

George Dilboy



George Dilboy was born on 5 February 1896 in the Greek city, Alatsata, in what is today Turkey. In 1908, the Dilboy family migrated to the United States, settling in Keene, NH and finally in Somerville, Massachusetts. In 1909, Dilboy returned to Greece to fight in Greek army in the Balkan Wars of 1912 and 1913

Returning to the United States, he settled again in Somerville, going to school and working. In 1916, he enlisted in the United States Army and fought in the Mexican Border War in 1916 and 1917 and

was honorably discharged in 1917. He rejoined the United States Army again shortly after his discharge and volunteered to fight in World War I. PFC George Dilboy, Company H, 103rd Infantry, 26th Division fought in Belleau Wood, France. He led the attack on German machine gun nests in The Wood, and in spite of being seriously wounded himself in the charge, killed several of the enemy, destroyed three machine guns, and caused the Germans to scatter and flee. PFC Dilboy died from his wounds in this engagement on 18 July 1918 at the age of 22. In the Battle of Belleau Wood in the summer of 1918, United States Military Personnel received 9,777 injuries, 1,811 of them fatal.

PFC George Dilboy was the first Greek American to be awarded the Medal of Honor. **General Pershing** called PFC Dilboy one of the ten greatest heroes of the war. He was initially buried in his birthplace in Alatsata. In 1922, his remains were returned to the United States via the destroyer, **USS Litchfield**. On 12 November 1923, in a ceremony presided by President Calvin Coolidge, he was buried with full military honors in Section 18 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Dilboy was honored by three United States Presidents, Woodrow Wilson, who signed the authorization awarding the Medal of Honor, Warren G. Harding, who ordered him brought to Arlington National Cemetery, and Calvin Coolidge, former Governor of Massachusetts, who presided at internment in Arlington National Cemetery.

Dilboy Field and Dilboy Stadium in Somerville are named in his honor. Dilboy Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #529 in Cutter Square, Somerville is also named in honor of Private First Class George Dilboy. There is a monument honoring Dilboy in front of Somerville City Hall.

Medal of Honor Citation:

After his platoon had gained its objective along a railroad embankment, Pfc. Dilboy, accompanying his platoon leader to reconnoiter the ground beyond, was suddenly fired upon by an enemy machine gun from 100 yards. From a standing position on the railroad track, fully exposed to view, he opened fire at once, but failing to silence the gun, rushed forward with his bayonet fixed, through a wheat field toward the gun emplacement, falling within 25 yards of the gun with his right leg nearly severed above the knee and with several bullet holes in his body. With undaunted courage he continued to fire into the emplacement from a prone position, killing 2 of the enemy and dispersing the rest of the crew.

- President Woodrow Wilson



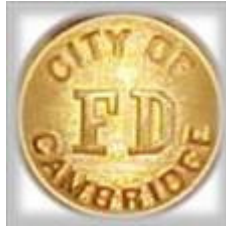
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- ***Winston Churchill***, 1946

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